

REMARKS

This is submitted as a full and complete response to the official outstanding restriction requirement. The Examiner has grouped the claims in two groups, Group I, Claims 1-13, drawn to a process for making sertraline hydrochloride Form V; and Group II, Claims 14-20, drawn to the process of making pharmaceutical compositions of sertraline hydrochloride Form V. The Examiner has also refused to group Claim 21 because it is indefinite. This claim will be canceled when counsel receives an action on the merits of the elected claims and further amends the claims. Therefore Claim 21 is held in limbo.

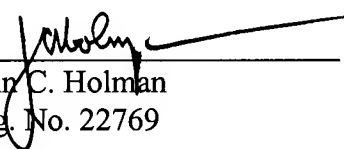
The Applicant herewith elects to continue prosecution on the claims of Group I, namely Claims 1-13, drawn to the process of making sertraline hydrochloride Form V. This election is made without traverse. The non-elected claims are retained in this application pending decision by the applicant to file a divisional application.

Early and favorable action on the merits of the elected Claims 1-13 is courteously awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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